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Title: **Rapid lateral flow assay for determining exposure to Mycobacterium tuberculosis and other mycobacteria**

REQUEST OF ENTITY STATUS CHANGE

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Please find below detailed patent information and a calculation of fee deficiencies based on the fees paid during prosecution.

**I. PATENT INFORMATION****Patent Number:** 6, 841,159 issued on 01/11/2005**Title:** Rapid lateral flow assay for determining exposure to Mycobacterium tuberculosis and other mycobacteria**Inventor:** Simonson; Lloyd G. (Spring Grove, IL)~~08/11/2009 HANGURA 00000004 140595 6841159~~~~01 FC:1461 515.00 DA~~

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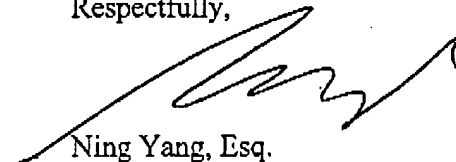
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**II. FEES CALCULATION**

Application Filing Fees \$370 *all in*  
Issue Fees \$660 *all in*  
× 1<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Fee \$465 *M. Fees*  
Total Fee Deficiency Incurred During Prosecution (Based on half of the fees paid)  
= \$1495

Respectfully,

  
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